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I have the honour to transmit herewith the text of the decision adopted at the extraordinary meeting of the Western European Union Council of Ministers on the situation in Yugoslavia held in Helsinki on 10 July 1992.

I would be grateful if you could have this text circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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Annex

EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF WEU COUNCIL OF MINISTERS ON THE SITUATION IN YUGOSLAVIA

(Helsinki, 10 July 1992)

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The Ministers of the WEU countries, having taken note of the report of the Ad Hoc Group on Yugoslavia, adopted the following decisions.

(1) Decision to implement the monitoring at sea operations as proposed by the Ad Hoc Group on Yugoslavia at its meeting of 3 July in Rome. Surveillance of the embargo set by United Nations Security Council resolutions 713 and 757 will involve the participation of at least 5-6 ships, 4 MPA, 1 support ship, ground-based helicopters. Such surveillance will be carried out in international waters, in the Otranto Channel and on other points off the Yugoslav coast, including off the Montenegro coast, following consultations with UNPROFOR.

- The said naval operations will start at the earliest moment under Italian coordination. The participation of the Member States will be subject to the provisions of their national constitutions. These WEU operations will be open to the participation of other allies and coordinated in cooperation with NATO. Rules of engagement and operational coordination will be established by the competent naval authorities at the initiative of the Presidency.

- The Ad Hoc Group will constantly update options concerning naval embargo enforcement for which a further United Nations Security Council resolution would be necessary.

(2) Decision on WEU efforts in the field of humanitarian aid on the basis of the recommendations of the Ad Hoc Group.

- The Presidency will present an inventory of contributions by WEU partners to the competent United Nations authorities.

- The Presidency is also requested to promote a further rapid exploration by the Ad Hoc Group on the options of ground transport through humanitarian corridors.

- In this context the Ad Hoc Group will identify possible modalities and list logistical and other means that partners would be willing to make available. The Group will also consider, in consultation with NATO, the need for contributions by other allies.

- Any operation concerning the establishment of humanitarian corridors would have to be subject to further decisions by the Security Council and be coordinated with the United Nations in particular for the aspects concerning protection. Appropriate contacts would be established in a timely fashion.

- Coordination with the United Nations, UNHCR and EC Commission, through the Presidency will also aim at identifying additional needs of the populations and ways to meet them more effectively.

(3) Immediate information on our initiatives will be passed to the United Nations Secretary-General and to the Chairman-in-office of the CSCE.